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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kashima et al.

Serial No.: 09/870,009                      Group Art Unit: 1631  
Filed: May 30, 2001                      Examiner: Carolyn L. Smith

For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE FOR IDENTIFYING A SOURCE OF GENETIC  
INFORMATION, AND DNA AND CELL INCLUDING THE SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment dated January 8, 2008, Applicant notes that an RCE and Preliminary Amendment were filed on December 31, 2007. In fact, the USPTO's website confirms that the RCE and Preliminary Amendment were filed on December 31, 2007.

Therefore, this Application has clearly not been abandoned, and Applicant respectfully petitions for the Examiner to withdraw the holding of Abandonment and consider the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 31, 2007.

Since this error is due to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, no fee is believed necessary. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,

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